

Application No.: 09/990,208
Reply to Final Office Action Dated: July 14, 2005

Atty. Docket: 1320-105 (NL 000656)

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed on July 14, 2005. Claims 1-9 are pending in the application with Claim 1 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claim 5 has been amended and Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

In the Final Office Action, Claims 5, 8 and 9 were objected to and Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Glowinski et al. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-4, 6 and 7. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claim 5 if rewritten to overcome the objection set forth in the Final Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 5 has been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the objection set forth in the Final Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection with respect to Claim 5 is respectfully requested.

Further, Claim 5 depends indirectly from Claim 1 which contains allowable subject matter. Hence, for at least this reason, Claim 5 is believed to allowable without having to be rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, allowance of Claim 5 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-7, are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call John Vodopia, Esq., Intellectual Property Counsel, at 914-333-9627.

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